

community. His retirement concludes a vibrant career of advocacy, public engagement, and scholarly work. I am proud to call Dr. Cotrell a fellow San Antonian and friend. Please join me in commemorating the career of an extraordinary educator and equal rights advocate.

Dr. Charles L. Cotrell began his studies at St. Mary's University in 1958, graduating in 1962. In 1965, after receiving his Ph.D. in Political Science and Government from the University of Arizona, Dr. Cotrell went on to teach at Texas A&M University—Kingsville (formerly Texas A&I) until returning to teach at his alma mater in 1966. Dr. Cotrell was an active participant in many civil rights causes like the La Casita Farms strike. He was professor to many Chicano activists of the late 1960s at both Texas A&M—Kingsville and St. Mary's. He mentored youth in the Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO) and is a founding board member of the Mexican American Unity Council in San Antonio. In 2000, Dr. Cotrell was named President of St. Mary's University where he spearheaded several education initiatives focusing on underrepresented groups.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Cotrell and his many contributions to our beautiful city. I thank Dr. Cotrell for all that he has done. May he enjoy his well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRAYDUN
MANOCHERIAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Fraydun Manocherian on the 75-year anniversary of his immigration to the United States from Tehran, Iran and for his steadfast dedication to and impactful advocacy for automobile safety. Mr. Manocherian is also a successful entrepreneur embodying the American Dream with his wife Jennifer, their five children, and 13 grandchildren.

In 1932, Fraydun Manocherian emigrated to the United States at the age of 14 with his mother and brother. He soon became an entrepreneur pursuing the American Dream, starting his first business venture in high school by buying and selling used cars. Then, while attending New York University, he turned his sights to New York's skyline—embarking on his career in real estate development.

He acquired three adjacent five-story walk up buildings in Manhattan for \$15,000 a piece which he then redeveloped. During the 1960's and 1970's, Mr. Manocherian was one of the most prolific developers in Manhattan. In the 1980's he expanded his ventures nationwide through real estate investments and high-rise developments, among a multitude of other enterprises. He was the originator of the mega-health-club concept, opening the first New York Health & Racquet Club in 1973, followed by ten additional Manhattan locations. He also developed The Kimberly Suite Hotel in midtown Manhattan in 1985, and has since acquired other hotels which he still personally oversees.

However, among all this success, Mr. Manocherian is, at his core a public servant

and philanthropist. And it is for his accomplishments in automobile safety that I, his family, and all Americans are most proud.

In 1951, two of Mr. Manocherian's high school friends were killed by a drunk driver. At the age of nineteen, he turned his grief into activism and became an advocate for federal funding of public education in traffic safety. After learning that automobile accidents were the number one killer of all young adults aged 16–25 years old, and the number one cause of physical disabilities—causing agonizing tragedy and grief for countless families, a 19-year-old Mr. Manocherian sent a telegram to President Eisenhower. The President arranged a meeting with Senator Irving Ives.

He continued meeting with congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. to urge President Eisenhower's Committee on Traffic Safety to begin a national mass media educational program. While his determined efforts and countless contributions were impressive, he was not satisfied with the speed of progress. In 1962, he founded the National Road Safety Foundation with the purpose of reducing the 55,000 auto related fatalities every year. In 1970, he wrote *Flesh, Metal, and Glass*, a book on auto safety. Over the past 50 years, more than two million copies of Mr. Manocherian's book have been distributed free to thousands of high schools and drivers' education programs across the country. The publication has been updated several times and is now available online. The National Road Safety Foundation has also produced dozens of educational videos and public service announcements. The book and videos, along with other educational materials, are still used as important tools in driver's education programs throughout the country.

Over the last half century, The National Road Safety Foundation has educated millions on how to become better and safer drivers through collaborating with educators, private groups, legislators, and government agencies to effect national standards in driving competence. The National Road Safety Foundation has also played an important role in seat belt laws, drunken driving policy, safer car regulations, and helmet and turn signal legislation for motorcycles. Mr. Manocherian has been a persuasive and influential force in Congress as this body enacted policies and legislation focused on driver safety.

Mr. Manocherian's voice was among the first to rally the nation against drunk driving and his advocacy for federal funding of public education in traffic safety contributed toward passage of The Highway Safety Act of 1970, which established the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He is currently working to secure increased funding from the Federal Highway Trust Fund for a sustained National Traffic Safety Education media program. These efforts, among countless others, have helped reduce fatalities from 55,000 a year to 38,000 a year. This 30 percent reduction in fatalities is astonishing considering that in that same time, the number of drivers and mile driven have grown exponentially.

For his dedication and accomplishments in the field of auto safety, Mr. Manocherian has received the "Man of the Year" award from the New York Council for Civic Affairs, the "Man of the Year" award from the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from St. John's University, a Master of Arts degree

from the International University of Communications in Washington, D.C., the 1997 Distinguished Service to Safety Award from the National Safety Council, and the 2005 Public Service Award, one of the highest awards given by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He has met with almost every President since President Eisenhower, is a founder of the Carter Center, and was appointed by President H. W. Bush to serve on the National Driver Register Advisory Committee.

At 89 years young, Fraydun Manocherian is not only a nationally recognized powerful public service advocate, but also a rated jet pilot, and, more importantly, a greater husband, father, and grandfather than businessman, entrepreneur, or philanthropist.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Fraydun Manocherian for his public service and incredible contributions to society and a lifetime of dedication to automobile and driver safety.

CONGRATULATING KIARA
STRAYHORN FOR WINNING TWO
STATE TITLES AT THE CLASS 5
TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kiara Strayhorn for winning two state titles at the Class 5 Track and Field Championship.

Kiara earned a total of twenty-eight points out of the thirty points the Capital City Lady Cavaliers put on the board. Strayhorn should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Kiara Strayhorn for a job well done.

HONORING SHEILA TRACY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sheila Tracy. After serving 28 years, Sheila Tracy is retiring from her position as President of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

With the help of Sheila's leadership, the Northland Regional Chamber has continued to advocate for the needs of constituents in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District and the Northland of Kansas City. Sheila and the Chamber have worked on several large projects to benefit the Northland and my district. Sheila has spent countless hours working to move projects forward that would benefit my constituents, most recently the Buck O'Neil Bridge.

I am honored to have collaborated with Sheila during her time as President of the Northland Regional Chamber. Her professionalism and dedication to the Northland and

my constituents was a great example of collaboration between local, state and federal leadership. While the Northland Regional Chamber is losing an incredible leader, I am excited for Sheila to begin the next chapter of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Sheila Tracy for her years of service to the people of the Northland and Missouri's Sixth Congressional District. I know Sheila's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her the best of luck in all her endeavors and many years of success to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL JUROR NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021. This bill would clarify that D.C. residents may not be excluded or disqualified from jury service in the D.C. Superior Court based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, my bill would clarify that "sex," which is a protected class under the non-discrimination law that applies to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court, includes sexual orientation and gender identity. Under the Home Rule Act, Congress has exclusive jurisdiction over title 11 of the D.C. Code (relating to organization and jurisdiction of the local D.C. courts).

The District has one of the strongest non-discrimination laws in the country, including protecting individuals based on sexual orientation and gender identity. However, under the Home Rule Act, the District does not have the authority to make this non-discrimination law applicable to jurors in the D.C. Superior Court. Therefore, until the District is given complete control over the organization and jurisdiction of its local courts, an act of Congress is required to make this important change to protect the rights of all D.C. residents. This bill is necessary to protect jurors in the D.C. Superior Court from discrimination.

My bill is similar to the Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021 (H.R. 1140), which would provide the same protections for jurors in federal court. I am a proud cosponsor of that bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF THE DOWNRIVER FAMILY YMCA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the anniversary of the Downriver Family YMCA located in Southgate, Michigan. Their 80 years of service to our community and its families is worthy of commendation.

In Metro Detroit, the YMCA has been serving families for over 168 years. The YMCA is an organization of men, women, and children with a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

With simple beginnings as an organization established in 1941 by W.F. Newell at a house on Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte, Michigan, the Downriver Family YMCA has grown to be an exceptional center of wellness, community, and education. In 1943, The YMCA outgrew their small house and moved to a property at Chestnut and Biddle. This new Downriver YMCA represented the first "family" YMCA branch including boys and girls as well as men and women. Sixteen years later, they made the big move to their new home in Southgate at Fort Street and Eureka, partnering with the YWCA. Together they built two new pools and improved their offerings constantly to continue to serve the bustling area of Downriver. On May 11, 2003, to meet the growing needs of the community the YMCA and the City of Southgate held the grand opening for their brand-new building, The Southgate Fun and Fitness Center.

Serving over 15,000 members, the Downriver Family YMCA is the largest branch in Metro Detroit. This organization has supported generations of Downriver families from childhood well into their senior years. Providing after-school programs, summer camps, food drives, active living classes, and activities for seniors, the Downriver Family YMCA's commitment to the promotion of health and wellness has impacted the lives of thousands of Michiganders of all ages as they enter their eighth decade of service to the people of Downriver.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Downriver Family YMCA's 80 years of service to our community. The Downriver Family YMCA has been a constant in the lives of the Downriver area's children and families for decades. I extend my gratitude to the entire Downriver Family YMCA team and wish them continued success in service and healthy living for years to come.

HONORING MICHAEL T. PTASIENSKI, 5TH INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN CELE- BRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the career of a true public servant, House Inspector General Michael Ptasienski, who has dedicated nearly 15 years of his professional career to ensuring the People's House operates with integrity and accountability. Appointed as Inspector General in February of 2018, Mike is only the fifth individual to hold this position and as House IG, exemplified the excellence, attention to detail, determination and character necessary for success.

But of course, the role of the Inspector General was not a surprise to Mike. Prior to being appointed, he had served as Deputy Inspector General of Advisory and Administrative Serv-

ices, and as Director of Management Advisory Services. This month, his tenure in the House IG shop came to its end when he entered retirement on June 4, 2021. Mike will be missed—not only for his dedication and commitment to the IG mission, but for his positive attitude and approachable nature.

Part of the mission of the House IG is to "serve as a constructive critic, helpful advisor, and positive change agent." In fulfilling this mission, Mike has gone above and beyond, and the House is a more accountable, efficient, and safe institution due to the many recommendations and advisories his team produced under his leadership.

I wish to once again express my and my team's gratitude for Mike's partnership, collaboration, and kindness throughout the years, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHN E. ROBERTS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the Reverend Dr. John Roberts, Pastor of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, for his 56 years of service in Jesus Christ. Our community joined his congregation in celebration of this heralded event on June 6, 2021.

I chronicled Pastor Roberts' life in an Extension of Remarks in April 2005 upon the very special occasion of his fortieth anniversary. This 56th year, Pastor Roberts will be elevated to the honorable status of Pastor Emeritus.

Born in Bryant, Mississippi in 1927 to George and Melvina Roberts, John E. Roberts came to Toledo, Ohio in 1944. A founding member of Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, he has been part of the church since it was organized in 1946. As noted in his biography, "He has served and walked in the footsteps of most positions in the church, from custodian to Pastor" and was called to pastor the church on the 3rd Sunday of January 1965. Even while Pastor, he pursued his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees in 1975, his Master of Theology in 1984, and his Doctorate in Biblical Theology in 1985.

His biography highlights his many roles in his capacity as pastor: teacher, preacher, counselor, and builder. The biography notes he is "Christ-like in devotion: strong in faith and mighty in prayer. His life, with its results, is a never-failing inspiration and challenges people of all ages and races, creating strong men around him."

Though Pastor Roberts has been the guiding light of his congregation and family for decades, standing beside him always has been his wife, First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts. Pastor and First Lady Mother Roberts are partners in all ways and "jointly through the Grace of God they have mastered certain techniques that involve the ability to compromise, understand, cooperate, give and take, adjusting for better, not worse, knowing that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord." Pastor and Mother Roberts were blessed to celebrate their 71st anniversary this year, on April 6. Together